

Grapevine

11th Annual Wheelchair Regatta



Photo by Lou Zauner

Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – October 12, 2007

Salute to our World War II Veterans in Yountville Days Parade

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The total Yountville community really came together over the weekend, highlighted by the strong showing of partnership and cooperation between the Home and the Town, our members and our staff in the Yountville Days parade. Together, we had some ten entries in the parade, including the winner of the “Best Portrayal of Theme” float sponsored and organized by Pina Vineyards, featuring about 20 of our World War II veterans.

Special thanks to the Residential Care team and Special Events coordinator Janette Eubank for getting everyone together and making it happen. Veterans Home Administrator Marcella McCormack led the Home’s entries in a pretty snazzy convertible.

We also had several other outstanding entries including:

- The “Hills Angels” wheelchair drill team, directed by Ellen Patterson and Karen Riddle. Lots of smiles and “thumbs-up” from the crowd for our team!
- An appearance by Ms. Wheelchair America (Susan Rotchie) riding with us in the “Pathway Home” vehicle. Susan is a tireless advocate for those with disabilities, and said she found our Home to be “pleasant and accessible” and plans to return.
- The Pacific Blues float was put together by Home Members Walter Kirby, Bill Pleasance, and Michael Steele, and featured a blues band made up of Home staff, including our newest music therapy intern Beth Longwell on vocals, Matt Mittman and Don Thomas (always in the right “key”) on guitars, and Pathway Home staffer Bobby Aguilar (Navy Reserve Senior Chief Corpsman) on drums. You could hear them coming.

I wanted to share with everyone the comments of Ranndy and Cinndy Pina of Pina Vineyards, who hosted the World War II tribute:

“Believe us when we say it was our honor to be associated with all those vet’s. It was especially moving when people along the route would stand up, say “Thank You!” and applaud – Many even saluted. I saw some tears flowing, both from the gondola & the sidewalk.

Thanks for helping and allowing us be part of it!”

Sincerely,
Ranndy

“It was a lovely day and the Vets were fantastic. Please let them know that we won the “Best Portrayal of Theme”. It was the best trophy given out. I told the Vets that if we won a trophy, we would give it to the Vets Home. We will work out when soon.”

Cinndy

Thanks again to everyone who helped, both up front and behind the scenes.

Yountville Days Parade



Photos by Glen Nock



October 12, 2007



National Healthcare Food Service Week

October 1-7, 2007

Dietary and food service staff is an essential ingredient in the Home's recipe for success. National Healthcare Food Service Week was October 1-7, 2007. This event has been used throughout the country as an occasion to honor food service employees since the late 1980s.

We salute the dedicated dietary and food service employees who serve the residents and staff throughout the year.



Our Food Service Employees

Clinical Dietitians

Karen Bergold
Angela Brochu
Lynne Fredricksen
Deena Hughes
Joann Corazon
Kristin Miller
Joan Wellington

Hospital Kitchen Office

Peter DiPasqua
Christina Evitt
Janet Leight
Rafael Martinex
Gloria Smith

Hospital Kitchen

Rose Aldaco
Conrad Alvarez
Timoteo Bonilla
Carrie Ortiz
Max Bowers
Ramona Burton
Rodolfo Caoili

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Hosp. Kitchen cont.

Armando Castillo

Ted Castorena

Nilo Catapia

Gloria Ceja

Colleen Cole

Carlos Cosme

Abraham Cruz

Liberty David

Devona Dorough

Delia Dunham

Paquito Efe

Alexandria Escareno

Devena Galbraith

William Garcia

Rustom Gaviola

Genoveva Gilpin



Joyce Glynn

Patricia Harrington-

Hopper

George Horvath

Alicia Huesca

Corazon Jose

Daniel Klatt

Sylvester Lauderdale

Sherritha Lindsey

Patrick Mallory

Ida May-Daniel

Priscilla Meier

Dee Mendez

Lizette Mendoza

Manolo Mendoza

Joey Mitra

Felicitas Montoya

Renee Orden

Jon Peck

An-An Que

William Roemmick

Bani Sena

Tina Simpson

Scott Stephenson

Danny Solis

Aileen Sy

Vicente Te Jr.

Marna Thomas

Shane VanMeter

Lori Wallace

Main Dining Room

Feliciano Arcala

Milagros Banag

Gil Baniqued

Rachel Beauflis

Mabel Britton

Patricia Cendejas

Adoracion Ceria

Manuel Ceria

Shelly Cimmino-Nicholson

Grace Conrad

Alicia Cortez

Sharon Durante

Michael Fisher

Maria Gonzalez

Karen Kvidahl

Carolyn Limbs

Jeanette Lucas

Lorelie Magalong

Blesilda Mandapat

Lydia McNaboe

Shirley Mendez

Dorothy Miller

Linda Morgan

Micaela Parra

Luz Patubo

Roberto Portacio

Cathy Price

Debra Ray

Anna Rodriguez

Martin Torres

Main Kitchen Office

Noralee McKnight

Sharon Parda

Patricia Schultz

Main Kitchen Warehouse

Martin Contreras Montoya

William MacDonough

Robert Santos

William Terry

Main Kitchen

Phillip Alexander

Freda Bunter

Michael Carpenter

Maria Covarrubias

Jose Cruz

Elizabeth Davis

Pari Hanscom

Yagoub Jouaneh

Gabriel Kyle

Antonio Mora

Barbara Moreau

David Perez

Lisa Perry

Sharon Shaw

Alice Smith

❖ Paws with Brandy ❖

A Life of Service

The Therapy Dogs calendar will be out this month: I'm 'Miss November'. A big poster of me hangs on the wall at PetFoodExpress in Napa, and Dr. Kapjian put me on a trading card. All this should make me happy. It makes me uneasy, instead. Darlings, I don't want to be remembered as just another pretty face. Perhaps that's because I live in a hospital named after Colonel Nelson Holderman.

I was standing behind someone who looked up his name on the internet. Just a bare recital of the facts made my jaw drop. Enlisting as a private, he had a military career that was used in several movies. His Congressional Medal of Honor and California Medal for Valor were awarded for repeated acts of heroism during a battle that went on for five days. Records are not clear, but many believe he was the most decorated soldier of WWI. "He never used his fame for personal gain. He was honorable, generous, selfless and worked tirelessly for veterans and his country."

I think of him every time I walk around the grounds. While he was Commandant of the Home, he laid the foundation for almost everything you see. I love to hear Marcella tell about what he would do when Sacramento turned down funding for the home. He donned his uniform, all his medals, went to the Capitol and fought until he was successful.

I went looking for persistent and successful women and read a book by my colleague Lou Zauner's late wife, Phyllis, "Spirited Women of the Early West." I was looking for role-models, but let me tell you, dearies, some of those women were ... well ... spirited. You've heard the saying, "Everything I like is either immoral, illegal or fattening."? Let me just say: those women weren't fat.

Then, I found the story of Sarah Winnemucca of the Paiutes. Her grandfather was Chief Truckee which will give you an idea of where she came from -- Northern California and Nevada. A gifted linguist, she served as translator and scout for the U.S. Army and used her position to speak out about the plight of her people, exiled from their homelands victims of the treachery of dishonest Indian agents. She spoke with President Rutherford Hayes and all the powerful men of the time. She got many promises; none was fulfilled. Finally, she wrote the first book published by a Native American woman. *Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*.

So, Sarah was a failure. Or was she? And, what do she and Colonel Holderman have in common? Heroic in battle, but perhaps she is the greater hero because she continued despite constant disappointment. Just yesterday, Dr. Benchinch of the new Behavioral Wellness program asked me an odd question: "Brandy, what do you want carved on your tombstone?" I have the answer now. I hope I can deserve the same epitaph that Sarah should have: "She never stopped trying." ❖



Sarah
Winnemucca



11th Annual Wheelchair Regatta

A Nautical Extravaganza

By Lou Zauner



The morning of Saturday, September 29, was bright and clear right from the beginning of the 7:15 a.m. loading time to the end of the day. Approximately 140 Home Members attended the Wheelchair Regatta for a brilliant day cruising the Alameda Estuary and portions of the Oakland and San Francisco Bays.

Arriving at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda about 10 a.m. we were greeted at the main entrance gate and escorted to the long tables where we received our choice of gifts: ditty bags, scarves, shirts and small afghans. We were then escorted to the waiting lines for the boarding ramps to the boats. The boarding took approximately one hour.

Over 35 boats were available for the boarding of passengers—many in wheelchairs which were easily hoisted aboard each boat by the muscular arms of U.S. Coast Guard, Oakland Fire Fighters, Alameda Sheriffs Department and yacht club volunteers. Each boat had a capacity of approximately 14 to 18 passengers and crew.



My assigned boat, the “Dedicated,” was a 48-foot Bay Liner, with a capacity of 18, owned by Jerry and Gail Zanoli. Today the Liner hosted 6 wheelchair guests and 8 more passengers and crew. I scrambled to the top deck to join 6 shipmates, Captain Jerry and Skipper Jack for a breezy and full-view seat. We cruised our way through the Alameda Estuary, past Jack London Square in Oakland, Yerba Buena Island and the Coast Guard Station, SBC Baseball Park, and “Covey Cove” in San Francisco. We had stunning views of the Oakland Bay Bridge, the Ferry Building and the San Francisco skyline. Waving to the passing boats and onlookers on shore, we slowly made our turn to head back to the Yacht Club for a buffet luncheon.

The buffet luncheon included grilled hamburgers, all trimmings, potato salad, watermelon, cookies, bottled water and sodas. The exceptionally large crowd surprised our host chefs. After 630 hamburgers had been grilled and consumed, attendants were sent to the market for more hamburger to serve the crowd. Two bands provided continuous entertainment: the VFW Specials and the USAF Band of the Golden West.

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The VFW Specials Band was part of the afternoon entertainment.

Annual Chef Larry Draper and Staff Commodore Margo Brown.



Intrepid sailor? Lou Zauner

Groups from not only the Yountville Veterans Home, but also Fort Miley, Palo Alto, Livermore and Menlo Park facilities, began loading for the return home and each guest was presented with a snack of homemade cookies.



boats, sailors and non-boating volunteers participate in the shore-side activities. In addition to the US Coast Guard volunteers, members of the Int'l Assn. of Fire Fighters Local 55, and Alameda Sheriff's Dept.; over 50 individual

members signed on. Sponsored by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA), encompassing some one-hundred yacht club members, the Regatta began with and continues under the leadership of Staff Commodore Margot Brown.

Thank you to the PICYA, the Encinal Yacht Club, the dedicated volunteers and over 25 financial donors for another outstanding event.



October 12, 2007

USAF Band of the Golden West

14th Annual Pow-Wow

"Honoring our Ancestors and Cultural Ways"

By Chris Williams



The Veterans Home is steeped in tradition. It surrounds us, and we may take it for granted. What if you were holding on to the last scraps of your civilization and culture? What if you were doing it alone?

Loretta Kelsey is the last speaker of the Elem Pomo language. Remains of their civilization have been found along the south shore of Clear Lake dating back 8000 years, perhaps the oldest habi-

tation in North America. Beginning with the Russians, who massacred them in Bodega Bay, invaders have murdered the Elem Pomo and reduced their millions of acres to fifty. Just offshore is Rattlesnake Island which has been a sacred burial ground for centuries; Boise Cascade plans to build condominiums there.

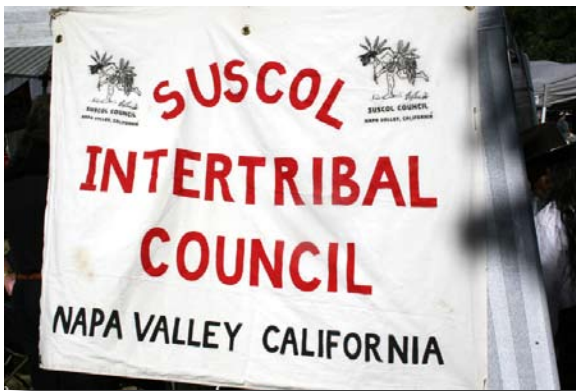
The Suscol Intertribal Council's aim is to perpetuate Native American tradition in the Napa valley where tribal lands no longer exist. They offer educational programs to keep their cultures alive and attempt to protect sacred sites and burial grounds. The Pow-Wow, though, is their chance to "let their hair down"

Charlie Toledo, Director of the Council, says, "This is a celebration of life." That celebration is open to everyone, and hundreds of residents of Napa valley participated in the two-day event. Between dances, they were free to stroll among the craft vendors and join the line ... the perpetual line waiting to reach a sign which announced "Fry Bread". Friendly arguments broke out on whether it is better as the base for the "Indian Taco" or to savor alone. How can anything so simple be so good?

Simplicity marked the events, too. The Native American Flute opened the ceremonies and the haunting notes carried to the hills above the Home.

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Northern and Southern Drums began the pulsing rhythms which would carry the dancers. The dances ranged from the serious to the lively social in which spectators were invited to join.

Let us return to Loretta Kelsey and what will be her life's work. Proceeds from the raffles held at each Pow-Wow are devoted to the purchase of land and establishment of a cultural site for Native Americans. It is here that Loretta and others who have memories of traditional ways can pass their knowledge along to future generations.

In China's Yangtze River there lives a fresh water dolphin, the baiji. There are fewer than six, making it "the most endangered mammal on earth". There is only one Loretta Kelsey. Let us not forget we lose a part of each of us when we let the past die.



"Our Future"



Roving Flu Vaccination Clinics

Employee Influenza Vaccinations

Influenza Vaccinations will be available to all staff at the listed work sites on the following dates and times:

October 22nd, Monday

- 8 am to 12 pm All Nursing Units, ACC, Pharmacy, Surgery, RT, Dental, Dental, CS
- 12:00 pm Laboratory with X-ray
- 1:00 pm Sanitation
- 2:00 pm Hospital Kitchen
- 3:00 pm Rehab Services at PT
- 4:00 to 8:00 pm All Nursing Units

October 23rd, Tuesday

- 4:00 to 7:00 am All Nursing Units (end of 10/22 noc shift)
- 8:00 am Nursing Admin
- 9:00 am Hospital Kitchen
- 10:30 am At Tavern with BX & Library
- 1:00 pm Personnel with Data Center, Admin & Reimbursements
- 2:00 pm Main Dining Room

October 24th, Wednesday

- 8:00 am At Medical Records, Scheduling, Admissions
- 9:00 am Main Dining Room
- 10:00 am Plant Operations
- 11:30 am Purchasing & Supply
- 1:00 pm Security
- 2:00 pm 3E Offices

If your work site is not listed you may get vaccinated at any of the above sites and times. Call Sandra Foley, ICS at 339-0712 for location assistance if needed. Starting October 26th thru March 2008 you may be vaccinated at the ACC.

Residential Influenza Vaccinations

Influenza vaccinations will be given to all Home Members of Residential Care Service, in their respective halls, on the following dates and times:

October 16th, Tuesday

- 9:00 am Section F
- 10:30 am Section D
- 1:00 pm Section C
- 3:00 pm Section J

October 17th, Wednesday

- 8:30 am Section L
- 9:30 am Section K
- 10:30 am Section A
- 1:00 pm Section E
- 3:00 pm Section H

Vaccinations will begin October 16th on all SNF/ICF and Acute Wards

If you are unable to get vaccinated on the above scheduled date, or cannot be in your section at the pre-scheduled time, you may receive your vaccination in any other section per the above schedule. Or, you may come to Ambulatory Care Clinic starting October 26th, on a drop-in-basis, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through March 2008.

Thank You!

Questions and Answers about Influenza and the Injectable Influenza Vaccine (the “flu shot”)

What is Influenza (the flu)?

Influenza (flu) is a serious disease of the nose, throat, and lungs. It can make you sick for a week or longer with coughing, fever, aching, and more. It can lead to pneumonia and make already existing health problems such as diabetes, asthma, and heart disease worse.

Why should I get a flu shot?

Each year in the U.S. about 36,000 people die from flu-related causes. Getting a flu shot is the **BEST** way to protect yourself from the flu.

Who should get a flu shot?

- Everyone who is 6 months or older can benefit from the protection of a flu shot.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that the following people be among the first to get vaccinated each year because they are at high risk of serious flu complications:
 - People who are 50 years or older
 - People of any age who have ever had a heart attack, have heart disease, have lung disease such as asthma, emphysema or chronic bronchitis; have diabetes, HIV, a blood disorder, kidney disease, or a weakened immune system
 - Children age 6 months and older until their 5th birthday
 - Pregnant women
 - People who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities
 - People who have health problems that make it difficult to breathe or swallow
- CDC also recommends that people who care for or live with anyone listed above get a flu vaccine. This includes healthcare workers. Getting a flu vaccine will help stop you from bringing the virus home or to work and infecting others.

How does the flu shot work?

The flu shot helps your body fight the viruses that cause the flu. It does this by teaching your

immune system to recognize flu viruses, so that it is “primed” or ready, to fight the disease if you are exposed to it.

How well does the flu shot work?

Most of the time, the flu shot will prevent the flu. In scientific studies, the effectiveness of the flu shot has ranged from 70% to 90% in healthy people younger than age 65 when there is a good match between circulating viruses and those in the vaccine. The vaccine may be less effective in older people or people with weakened immune systems. However, these people still benefit from getting the vaccine because it helps prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death from the flu.

What are the side effects of the flu shot?

The most common side effects are soreness or redness where the shot was given. These symptoms go away in a few days. Other side effects such as fever or aches are extremely rare. In clinical trials, there was no difference in side effects between people who got the vaccine and people who got a placebo (“sugar pill”). The risk of severe allergic reaction is less than 1 in 4 million.

Can the flu shot give me the flu?

No. The ingredients in the vaccine cannot cause the flu. The flu viruses in the vaccine are killed.

When should I get a flu shot?

October and November are the best months to get vaccinated, but December is not too late in most years.

Can this shot help protect me against colds and other respiratory diseases?

No. This vaccine protects only against the flu viruses contained in the vaccine.

What is the nasal spray flu vaccine?

The nasal spray vaccine is sprayed into a person’s nose, instead of being given as a shot. It is approved for use in healthy people 5 through 49 years old who are not pregnant. It is a safe and effective vaccine.



For more information, ask your healthcare provider
or call **800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)**
Website **www.cdc.gov/flu**

Road Closure cause Detours

Beginning Wednesday, October 10th the road from the Member Services Building (Recreation Building) to Section E is closed and traffic will be diverted south towards the Administration Building.

During the repair near Member Services Building, the Bear Flag will not be able to pick up or drop off in the back of Section E and Section J. Pick ups and drop offs from Section E will be on the Alameda side. Pick ups and drop offs from Section J will be from Section C or by the swimming pool.

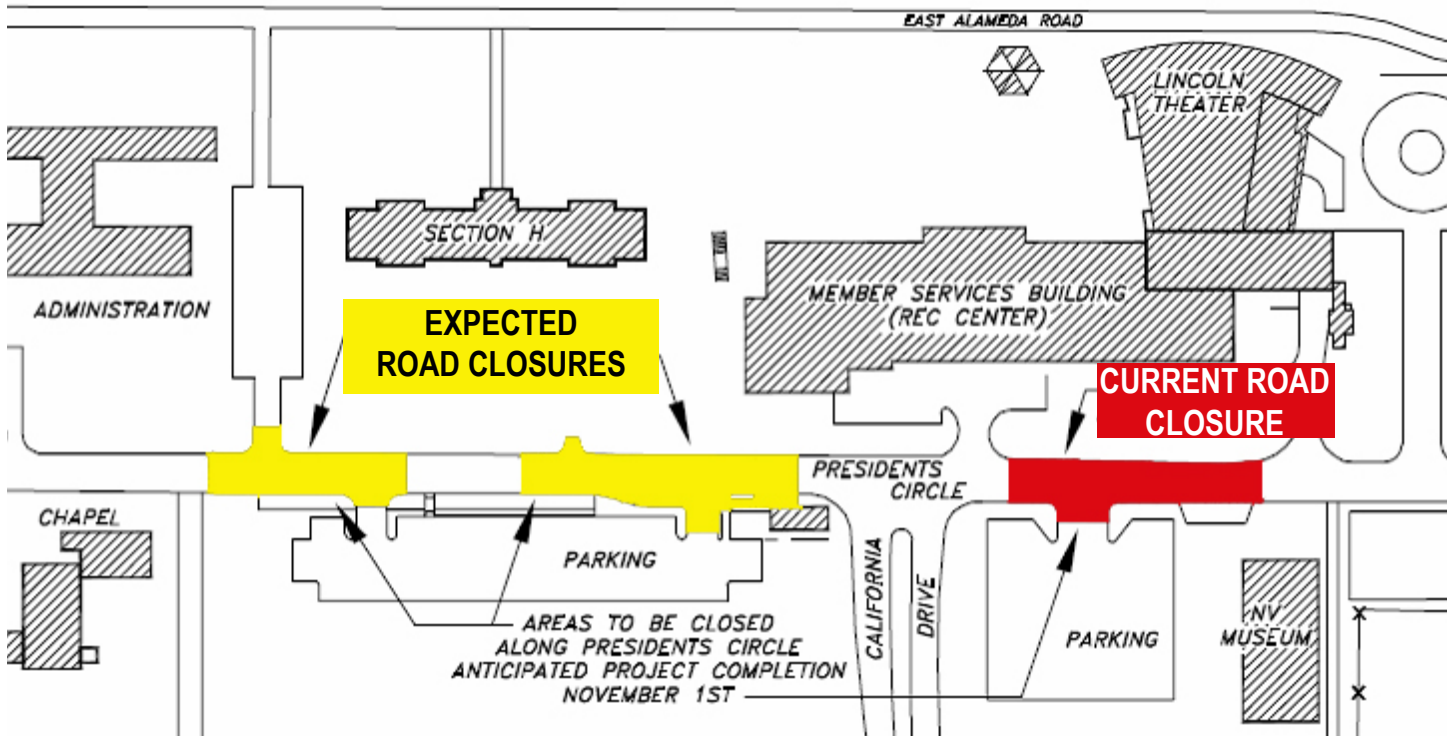
Please use extreme caution while driving or walking in this area because heavy equipment and large trucks will be traveling back and forth throughout the repair. The road will be open evenings and on the weekend, but use extreme caution because the road surface will be uneven and loose.

During the road repair the contractor will use the parking lot on the east side of ACC. Please do not park there or block access to this parking lot.

We apologize for the temporary inconvenience.

More road repairs will take place in the next several weeks. The dates and timing will depend upon the weather.

The following illustration shows the areas of planned road repairs.



Napa Valley Museum Program Schedule

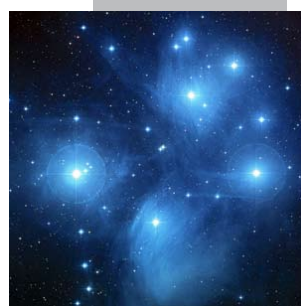
**Sat
Oct 13
10 am to 12
pm**

History of Olive Oil Production in Napa Valley and Olive Oil Tasting with Marvin Martin and Albert Katz. Olive oil producer, founder of the California Olive Oil Council and former chef Albert Katz will present a program covering the history and production of California olive oils. Then, join Marvin Martin, an award-winning olive oil producer from OlioDessa for further discussion and a sensational olive oil tasting while enjoying landscapes from Lowell Herrero's Paintings from the Calistoga Studio. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.



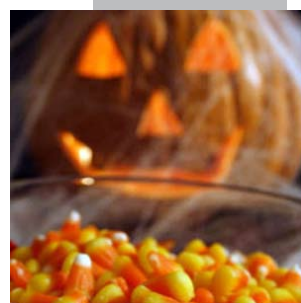
**Sat
Oct 20
7 to 10 pm**

October Night Sky with Cliff Delacy, Volunteer Educator for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Join Cliff Delacy, volunteer educator for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory as he guides us in our second star gazing night in the NVM meadow. Delacy will share current information about the next Space Shuttle launch and will bring his Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope to illuminate the wonders of the October night sky. Bring plenty of warm clothing and comfortable chairs or blankets. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.



**Sat
Oct 27
12 to 2 pm**

Halloween Hauntings - Part True with Local Historian Rebecca Yerger Enjoy an early celebration of All Hallow's Eve with local historian Rebecca Yerger. Yerger will tell eerie tales of local Napa ghosts that range from the silly to the scary! This spirited storytelling will be accompanied by a rare display of private mourning jewelry and a Halloween décor collection. Of course, there will be Halloween treats and goodies to enjoy! Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations by February 21.

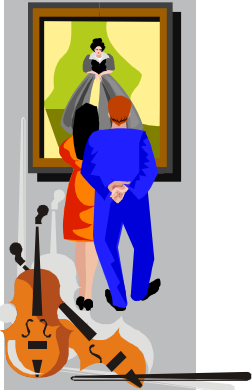


**Sat
Nov 3
2 to 4 pm**

Ambassadors of the Air with Joyce Bowen and Lowell Downey Bonaventura Balloon Company owner and pilot, Joyce Bowen, and Napa photographer Lowell Downey, owner of Art & Clarity Photography, will present a photographic program based on Bowen's special invitational balloon journeys to Bolivia, Chile, Switzerland, Rajasthan India, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Downey accompanied Bowen on recent trips as photographer and their program will present selected images representing the cultural texture of these countries. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.



LINCOLN Theater



Sat,
Oct 13

3 pm

Art
Show

1 pm

Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet was formed in 1939 and has always drawn highly successful players from various St. Petersburg, Russia orchestras. The best traditions of the Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet have been carried on by its current group of Artists; Mikhail Bondarev, Ekaterina Belisova, Alexey Popov and Stanislav Lyamin. At the Lincoln Theater, the Quartet will perform several premier compositions of local Napa Valley composer, Louise Canepa, (a member of the NLAPW, Napa Valley Branch) and works of composer Marge Wheeler, of Shasta, CA. Noted international vocalist, Sally Munro, of San Francisco will sing select pieces of Ms. Canepa and Ms. Wheeler along with Guests Artists; The Angelo Piano Duo (Catherine & Anthony Angelo). Art show in Lincoln Theater Lobby featuring St. Petersburg, Russia artist, Valery Obedkov and Pen Women, Napa Branch showing their paintings. Doors in lobby open at 1 pm for viewing- -concert starts at 3pm.

Sun,
Oct 14

5 pm

Benise - Nights of Fire

"Spark of genius Spanish guitarist, 40-member cast fire the imagination" – Los Angeles Daily News.

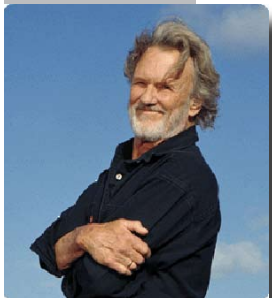
"Benise pours out intoxicating Spanish flamenco-inspired riffs with the intensity of a rock player." – San Francisco Chronicle.

Benise, armed with his guitar, his amazing band, and elaborately costumed dancers, captures in Nights of Fire!, world music at its best. *Benise, Nights of Fire!* has recently electrified the country with his nationally acclaimed PBS special. Join us for an unprecedented journey into the world of music and dance! Witness a tapestry of world rhythms from Flamenco to Salsa to Samba, as the rules of music and dance are shattered.

Sun,
Oct 21
5 pm

Kris Kristofferson In Concert Kris Kristofferson is an influential American country music songwriter, singer and actor. He is best known for hits such as "Me and Bobby McGee", "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down", and "Help Me Make It Through the Night". Kristofferson is the sole writer of most of his songs, but he has collaborated with various other figures of the Nashville scene. In 2004 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. In 2006, he received the Johnny Mercer Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame and released his first album full of new material in 11 years; "This Old Road". On April 21 2007, Kristofferson won CMT's Johnny Cash Visionary Award.

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Sat
Nov 3
8 pm

Napa Valley Pops with Chris Botti. Trumpeter Chris Botti is a gifted instrumentalist, a talented composer, and a charismatic performer who, since the release of his first solo album in 1995, has created a series of recordings which have made him a virtual genre-of-one in the realm of contemporary jazz while at the same time capturing the attention of the pop music world. Through his singular combination of lush atmospheres and thoughtful improvisations, Botti has earned both critical acclaim and mainstream appreciation for a succession of best-selling albums.



Sat
Nov 17
8 pm

Classical Concert II with Leon Bates, piano. Pianist Leon Bates welcomes the millennium with plans that include recordings, performing new works and continued joy in performing for audiences the world over. Since winning the Philadelphia Orchestra Senior Auditions as a student over 20 years ago, Leon Bates has emerged as one of America's leading pianists. Bates will perform Smetana – Overture and Three Dances from “The Bartered Bride”; Rachmaninoff – Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43; Raboy – A Mystic Valley.

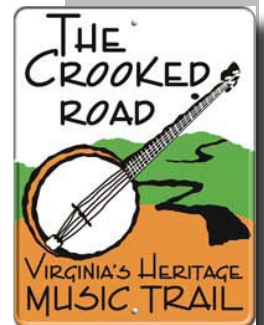


Sun
Nov 18
3 pm

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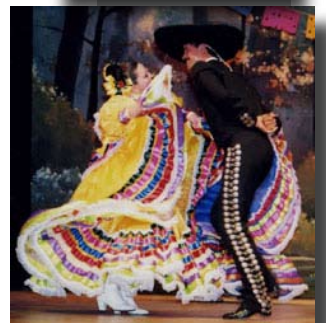
Sun,
Oct 28
5 pm

Music from the Crooked Road Winding for over 200 miles across Virginia, the Crooked Road passes through some of the most musical places on earth. This show celebrates the culture of bluegrass created in tiny Appalachian towns which for generations have influenced the development of American music.



Sat,
Nov 10
7:00 pm

Ballet Gran Folklórico de México *Rescheduled from Oct 5*
“Beautifully costumed... had the audience clapping and humming along” – The New York Times
Mexico City's Ballet Gran Folklórico de México takes audiences on a dazzling tour! This troupe of 35 highly-artistic singers, dancers & musicians presents a colorful & rhythmic show swirling with authentic costumes and backed by Mariachi, Marimba & Jarocho bands. A festive panorama of dance & song.





Residential Care Special Events

*Signup available 2 weeks before event. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.
All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.*

October 2007

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
13 Sat	1:00 pm	Wine Tasting & Art Exhibit		LT	???
	2:00 pm	Poetry & Writers		HRA	
	3:00 pm	<i>Russian String Quartet</i>		LT	Yes
14 Sun	1:30 pm	<i>Russian String Quartet</i>		HRA	
	5:00 pm	<i>Benise – Night of Fire</i>		LT	Yes
20 Sat	10:00 am	Fairfield Mall Shopping	MBS		Yes
21 Sun	7:30 am	Napa Sr. Center Breakfast	MBS		Yes
	5:00 pm	<i>Kris Kristofferson</i>		LT	Yes
26 Fri	4:30 pm	Petaluma Elks	MBS		Yes
27 Sat	7:30 am	Breeders Cup Simulcast	MDR		Yes
28 Sun	5:00 pm	<i>Music from the Crooked Road</i>		LT	Yes
30 Tue	5:30 pm	Warriors, Oakland Arena	MDR		Yes
31 Wed	1:30 pm	Halloween Party		HRA	

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; GR: Games Room; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; Lib: Lincoln Library, LL: Lee Lounge; LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; SF: San Francisco; Tav: Tavern; VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; VHL: Veterans Home Lanes; XI: Annex I; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

Ellora Silver Jewelry Fair

Please join us on Tuesday, November 7th at Holderman Hospital in the West Hallway to the Hospital Recreation Area from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ellora Silver specializes in quality genuine sterling silver with semi-precious gemstones and unique designs. The jewelry sale is a fund-raiser for Relay For Life and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico is Rescheduled

The Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico for Friday, October 5th at 7:00 pm was rescheduled to Saturday, November 10th at 7:00pm. Your present tickets will be honored! If you can not use your ticket please return it to the Activities Office or the Lincoln Theater.

2007 Grapevine Deadlines and Distribution Dates

Please note new deadlines:

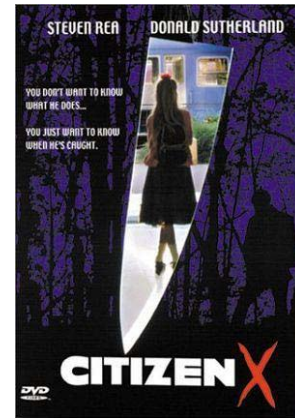
Month	Deadline	Distribution
Oct	4, 19	12, 26
Nov	2, 14, 30	9, 21
Dec	14, 28	7, 21

MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL



Fri, Oct 12 – “The Queen” This excellent 2006 film is a repeat (May 11) showing by popular request. Helen Mirren won Best Actress Oscar for her portrayal as the Queen of England during the period of the 1997 death of Princess Diana. This is a well crafted bio-pic about the interaction within the royal family and world-wide. Nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture. ★ ★ ★ ★

of real life Russian serial killer, convicted of killing 52 women and children and the efforts of detectives in the Soviet Union to capture him. The film examines how the bureaucratic government hindered the killer’s capture in an effort to deny that such crimes existed. Donald Sutherland won an Emmy and Golden Globe awards as one of the leading actors. Also stars Stephen Rea, Jeffrey DeMunn and Max Von Sydow. ★ ★ ★



Wed, Oct 17 – “Citizen X” A 1995 crime thriller which is a fictionalized account

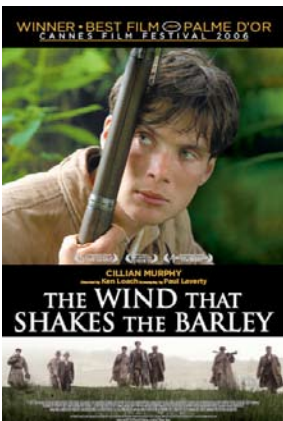


Fri, Oct 19 – “Away From Her” A new (2007) drama is the story of a long-married couple when the wife begins to display early signs of Alzheimer’s disease. She enters a long-term care facility and becomes attracted to another male patient. An intelligent, excellent treatment of the subject. Well acted—stars Julie Christie, Gordon Pinsent, Olympia Dukakis and Michael Murphy. ★ ★ ★

Wed, Oct 24 – “The Third Man” An excellent 1949 Graham Green drama stars Orson Wells, Joseph Cotton, Trevor Howard and Alida Vallie. The story tells of mysterious Harry Lime in post WWII Vienna. Directed by Carol Reed. ★ ★ ★ ★ Classic



Fri, Oct 26 – “The Wind That Shakes The Barley” A new (2006) powerful drama set in early 1920s Ireland. It is the story of British occupation and mistreatment and the Irish Republican Army’s resistance resulting in violence. Stars are Cillian Murphy, Liam Cunningham, Padraic Delaney, Orla Fitzgerald and Mary Murphy. An excellent film. ★ ★ ★



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